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Ms. Coll. 34

Brighton (Boston, Mass.)

Records, 1810-1855: Guide

COLLECTION SUMMARY

Creator: Brighton (Boston, Mass.)

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Abstract: This collection documents Brighton, Massachusetts, a neighborhood of Boston.

SCOPE AND CONTENT

This collection includes records concerning town boundary lines, town meetings, voting lists, and records of the Committee for School Districting, the School Committee, the Brighton constable, and the Brighton Selectmen.

HISTORICAL NOTE

Brighton is located in the northwest corner of Boston, Massachusetts. From its founding in 1630 through 1634, Brighton was part of Watertown, Massachusetts. From 1634 through 1807, Brighton was part of Cambridge, Massachusetts; it separated from Cambridge in 1807 due to a dispute over repairs to the bridge over the Charles River which connected Brighton (then called

“Little Cambridge”) to Cambridge proper. In 1874, Brighton was annexed to Boston. Brighton is a largely residential area located along the Green B Line of the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority rapid transit.

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Arrangement

The papers are arranged in their original order (see container list).

Conditions Governing Access

This collection is open for research during the Special Collections Department’s regular hours.

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Languages and Scripts

The materials are entirely in English.

Container List

Box #	Folder #	Folder Title	Date
1	1	Boundary lines	1810, 1823
1	2	Roads and bridges	undated, 1823
1	3	Committee for School Districting: Reports	1820
		School Committee: Financial status	1822
1	4	Selectmen	1817-1834
1	5-10	Town meetings: Lists of officers (6 folders)	1816-1855
1	11	Commonwealth of Massachusetts: Reports	undated
		Brighton constable: Report on congressional election	1852
1	12	Lists of qualified voters	1816-1854
1	13	Miscellaneous	undated